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Elders, Youth, First Nations and Municipalities Benefit from CDF

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon government is investing over $100,000 through the Community Development Fund (CDF) by investing in nine projects throughout the territory, Minister of Economic Development Jim Kenyon announced.

"Through the Community Development Fund, the Yukon government invests in projects that benefit all Yukoners," Kenyon said. "These programs and services provide social, cultural and economic benefits for Yukon residents and communities and deserve our support."

The Klondike Active Trails and Transport Society is receiving $12,800 to conduct a field study to evaluate the feasibility of developing the historic 12 Mile Ditch between Dawson City and Tombstone Territorial Park into a recreational trail.

"This funding will help Klondike residents develop a trail that will benefit residents and visitors alike," said Klondike MLA Steve Nordick. "A year-round recreational trail would allow users to remains physically active while enjoying some of the best scenery this region has to offer."

The Yukon Council on Aging is receiving $11,555 to continue workshops for seniors.

"This year, our seniors' workshops will address topics like pandemics, wills and estates, and the

encouragement of hobbies such as recording life experiences and digital camera usage," Yukon Council on Aging Board Member Heather Thompson said. "This funding will help provide invaluable opportunities for seniors to continue learning."

The Yukon Quest International Association was also a successful applicant and will receive $12,000 to develop a promotional wall map and online interactive travel map detailing the route of the 1000-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race.

"The Yukon Quest deeply appreciates the funding from CDF for our Mapping Project, which will include both a printed map and online interactive features," Yukon Quest Executive Director Stephen Reynolds said. "The Mapping Project will illustrate the significance of our shared heritage of travel by dog team through documentation of these traditional trails, and will ensure that future generations of Yukoners have access to accurate geographical and historic information about this aspect of our territory's evolution."

The new projects are being funded under the CDF's Tier 1 funding intake, which supports projects requesting $20,000 or less.

Community Development Funding is available for large and small projects, with Tier 2 funding available for applications of $20,001 to $75,000 and Tier 3 awards for applications over $75,000. The next Tier 2 intake is September 15.

Learn more about the Community Development Fund and how it may benefit your community projects by visiting ***www.cdf.gov.yk.ca/index.html***.

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Attachment: List of Tier 1 projects funded.

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Tier 1 Community Development Fund Projects

Boys & Girls Club of Whitehorse - $4,700 Renovations - Architectural feasibility assessment to plan and implement renovations of the club's warehouse facility and turn it into a multipurpose youth centre and recreation facility. The project will create 60 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** David Prodan at 867-393-2824

Carcross/Tagish First Nation - $16,128 Cultural Centre Totem Carving - Provide members of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation an opportunity to learn carving skills while completing two moiety poles. The project will create 300 hours of employment for two people. **Contact:** Heather Jones at 867-821-8243

Klondike Active Trails & Transport Society - $12,800 Twelve Mile Ditch Trail - Feasibility Study - To conduct a field study to evaluate the feasibility of developing the historic 12 Mile

Ditch route into a world-ciass, year-round recreational trail from Dawson City to Tombstone Territorial Park. The project will create 460 hours of employment for two people. **Contact:** Alex Brook at 867-993-2773

St. Elias Firearms Association - $13,050 Upgrades and Improvements to the Firing Range - To upgrade and improve the firing range. The project will create 90 hours of employment for five people. **Contact**: Susan Desjardins at 867-634-2524

Village of Carmacks - $20,000 Tew Park Walkway and Boardwalk Upgrades - Create a natural walking path from Tew Park to the Hazel Brown Cabin as well as do upgrades, repairs and slashing on and along the existing Carmacks Boardwalk The project will create 450 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Cory Bellmore at 867-863-6271

Village of Haines Junction - $12,500 Community Playground Fencing and Groundwork - Bring playground fencing and groundwork up to new safety standards. The project will create 96 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Colin Dean at 867-634-7100

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation - $11,630 Old Crow Single Track Trail - To have two, single-track trail designers assist the community with the development of a five kilometre, single-track trail system. The project will create 416 hours of employment for 10 people. **Contact:** Eyvi Smith at 867-966-2677

Yukon Council on Aging - $11,555 Workshops on Issues Affecting Seniors - To continue workshops for seniors by presenting new themes as well as repeating past workshops requested by seniors. **Contact:** Heather Thompson at 867-668-3383

Yukon Quest International Association - $12,000 Trail Map - To develop a promotional wall map and online interactive trail map detailing the route of the 1000 mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race. The project will create 239 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Wendy Morrison at 867-668-4711